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1. IT IS ILLUMINATING TO COMPARE INDIAN PRESS REPORTS ON FATE OF SUMMIT PROPOSAL IN MEXICO CITY WITH PAKISTANI VERSIONS REFTEL. HEADLINES HERE RAN: "PAK PROPOSAL REJECTED", "PAK PROPOSAL NOT APPROVED" AND PAK PROPOSAL FOR POOR NATIONS" SUMMIT FAILS" OTHER DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE CONFERENCE WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN BODY OF REPORTS.

2. THE NEWSPAPERS, IN ALMOST IDENTICAL STORIES, REPORTED THAT THE PAK PROPOSAL WAS NOT "FORMALLY APPROVED" BY THE CONFERENCE IN THE FACE OF "STRONG OPPOSITION" FROM SEVERAL COUNTRIES, BUT ADMITTED THAT THE MEETING DECIDED TO "TAKE NOT" OF THE PROPOSALS. FINALS STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE CONFERENCE WAS QUOTED AS STATING THE PROPOSAL "SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY INDIVIDUAL GOVERN-
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MENTS FO G-77 AND THE CONSULATATIONS THEREON WOULD BE HELD

IF AND WHEN APPROPRIATE". ACCORDING TO UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES IN MEXICO CITY, THEIR FORMALIZATION COULD BE CONSIDERED A "DEFEAT" FOR PAKISTAN WHOSE "STRONG" DELEGATION IN MEXICO CITY HAD "MOUNTED ON ALL-OUT EFFORT" TO MUSTER SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSAL WHICH RECEIVED "FULL SUPPORT" OF THE ISLAMIC GROUP OF COUNTRIES. MANY OTHER DELEGATES WERE REPORTED TO BE OF THE VIEW THAT THE MEXICO MEETING WAS NOT THE PLACE TO DISCUSS SUCH A PROPOSAL, WHICH CAME INITIALLY FROM PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER, Z.A. BHUTTO.

3. SOME NEWSPAPER REPORTS STATED RATHER VAGUELY THAT THE PAK PROPOSAL WAS OPPOSED BY SEVERAL NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WHICH THEY SAID "FEARED" THAT THERE MIGHT BE COME COMPETITION FROM THIS NEW "FORUM" WHOSE PARTICIPANTS COULD INCLUDE COUNTRIES SUCH AS CHINA.

4. ACTING MEA JOINT SECRETARY (UN) VERMA TOLD EMBOFF SEPT 27. THAT INDIANS SAW NO URGENCY IN AN ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN VIEW OF RECENT NAC AT WHICH MANY HEADS OF GOVT HAD MET AND DISCUSSED SUBJECTS WHICH WOULD BE PROPOSED FOR DISCUSSION AT AN ECONOMIC SUMMIT. VERMA SAID THAT INDIANS ALSO WERE OPPOSED TO SUCH A MEETING BECAUSE IT WOULD BE "CONFRONTATIONAL" AND WOULD AGGRAVATE RATHER THAN CONTRIBUTE TO RESOLUTION OF LDC/DC ISSUES. VERMA OBSERVED THAT HE THOUGH USG WOULD ALSO FOR THAT REASON NOT BE VERY HAPPY AT PROSPECTS FOR AN ECONOMIC SUMMIT.
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